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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, SA
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRINCE SULTAN REJECTING PAYMENTS TO "MIDDLEMEN"
ON DEFENSE CONTRACTS

1. THERE FOLLOWS A LETTER DATED MAY 17, 1975 FROM MINDEF
PRINCE SULTAN REPLYING TO A MARCH 6, 1975 LETTER FROM ASS'T
SECDEF ELLSWORTH ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PAYMENT OF A COMMISSION FEE ON
THE PEACE HAWK PROGRAM. THE LETTER IS DEFINITE IN REJECTING
THE PAYMENT OF AGENTS FEES TO MIDDLEMEN ON GOVERNMENT
TO GOVERNMENT DEFENSE CONTRACTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. ROBERT ELLSWORTH, GREETINGS:
IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER DATED MARCH 6, 1975 A.D.,
CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE F-5 PEACE HAWK PROGRAM
AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE MENTION IN YOUR LETTER OF
ALLOCATING THE SUM OF \$45 MILLION AS A COMMISSION ON THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHROP ESTABLISHMENT AND THE
TRIAD FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO INFORM
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YOU THAT AS SOON AS I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER I INFORMED

THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR THE KINGDOM AND THE CHIEF
OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION OF MY UTTER REJECTION
(OF THAT) COMMISSION AND MY COMPLETE NON-ACCEPTANCE
OF ANY MIDDLEMAN, NO MATTER WHO OR FROM WHERE HE HAPPENS
TO BE, IN ANY ARMS CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

I THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR THIS OBSERVATION. IN SO DOING
I HOPE THAT YOUR SIDE WILL BE STRICT ABOUT CARRYING OUT
THE WISHES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI
ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO KEEP MILITARY
CONTRACTS AWAY FROM ANY INTERCESSION.

RENEWED THANKS AND GREETINGS. SIGNED, SULTAN BIN ABD AL-
AZIZ, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION AND INSPECTOR
GENERAL. END TEXT.
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